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SOUTH PASADENA COUNCILMEMBER ELECTED CHAIR OF SCAG'S TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

LOS ANGELES – June 10, 2008 – In a regular committee election, the Transportation and Communications Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) today announced the election of South Pasadena Councilmember Mike Ten as its chair for the fiscal year 2008-2009. Gregory Pettis, Cathedral City Councilmember, was named vice chair.

“I am honored to become chair of the Transportation and Communications Committee and deeply committed to the work that lies ahead for the next fiscal year,” Ten said. “This talented group of dedicated members already has accomplished the very important task of adopting the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan, and I am excited to be part of the committee as we continue to map out the long-term transportation needs of the SCAG region.”

The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) studies regional issues of mobility, air quality, transportation control measures and communications and makes recommendations for action to SCAG's Regional Council. Major programs undertaken by the TCC include the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), aviation, highway, transportation finance and transportation conformity.

Since 2006, Ten has served as the District 36 representative to SCAG and was elected Vice Chair of its Transportation and Communications Committee. Ten, who is a third generation Californian of Chinese ancestry and the only Asian Pacific Islander member of the Regional Council, also serves on the SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Appeals Board and its Goods Movement Task Force. Ten was first elected to the South Pasadena City Council in 2003 and re-elected in 2007 and has served as Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor. He currently serves as council liaison to the city's Senior Citizens' Commission and the Ad Hoc Community Facilities Task Force. Ten is chair of the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Steering Committee and chair of the Foothill Workforce Investment Board. He represents the city on the Gold Line

Phase II Joint Powers Authority Board. A graduate of California State University-Los Angeles, Ten holds a master's degree from Azusa Pacific University.

Pettis, who first ran for the Cathedral City Council in 1994, has helped build an economically vibrant community with strong neighborhoods. He played an instrumental role to bring about many legislative successes, including the creation a first-time homebuyer program; revitalization of Cathedral City's downtown core; and the establishment of the Safe Routes to School program. Other accomplishments include working with police and social service agencies to combat the methamphetamine epidemic; the completion of the city's library; and bringing Big League Dreams Sports Park to Cathedral City. Pettis has also served as the executive director of the Palm Springs Youth Center, president of Cathedral City's Rotary Club and Desert Business Association and board member of United Cerebral Palsy of the Desert and the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy. He holds a BA from Azusa Pacific University.

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